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Group Art Unit 1733

For : MEHTOD AND APPARATUS FOR CURING ADHESIVE  
BETWEEN SUBSTRATES, AND DISK SUBSTRATES  
BONDING APPARATUS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants hereby provide an election of invention, responsive to the Office  
Action dated August 31, 2005.

**Remarks**

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated August 31,  
2005, the Examiner required restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the  
following inventions:

**Group I:** Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of curing adhesive between substrates,  
classified in class 156;

**Group II:** Claims 11-22, drawn to an apparatus for bonding disk substrates,  
classified in class 156;

**Group III:** Claims 23-32, drawn to an apparatus for bonding disk substrates, classified in class 156; and

**Group IV:** Claims 33-39, drawn to an apparatus for bonding disk substrates, classified in class 156.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement. The Examiner has indicated that the inventions are distinct, each from the other. Applicants suggest that even if the invention are distinct, the restriction is improper as the inventions are closely related. Restricting the invention as set out by the Examiner will require the Applicants to file four patent applications, with the associated filing fees and maintenance fees, in order to protect their invention. Further, Applicants suggest that all of the claimed subject matter may be searched without unduly burdening the examiner, as each invention has been classified in class 156.

Further, Applicants respectfully suggest that the patentability of the claimed subject matter should not be tied to a particular claim element, especially prior to examination on the merits, rather the claimed invention of each claim as a whole should be considered.

Although Applicants have traversed the restriction requirement, in the interest of providing a complete response to the restriction requirement, they hereby provide an election of the invention of **Group I** (claims 1-10) with traverse.

Applicants believe that this communication is fully responsive to the restriction requirement. However, if there are any remaining matters, or if it would otherwise

advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (503) 224-6655.

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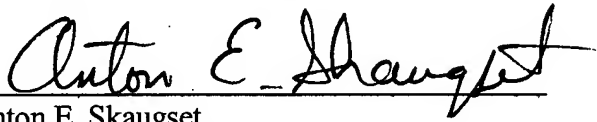
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